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THE MESSAGE.

It has become customary with some to refer, jokingly, to the length of presidential messages to Congress, and it is generally supposed that nobody outside the halls of the national legislature | their death many years after. ever cares to read those documents. Is this true? Is there, among American citizens so much indifference concerning the affairs of the nation, that no one, outside of Congress, cares to read the views of the first citizen in the land upon those affairs? Some people wade through column after column of accounts of murders and robberies. They eagerly devour headlines and all, regardless of repetitions, and look for more, like hungry Oliver Twist. Is, then, a carefully prepared address by a trained statesman, on questions in which the entire world is interested, of less importance than a murder trial?

The message to Congress just delivered is an exceptionally clear and forcthie document. Notwithstanding its length, it would be difficult to abbreviate it, without mutilating it. The views expressed may not be those of every reader of it, but no one is, after reading, left hesitating as to what the President's views are. They are stated as concisely as compatible with clear-

Very properly the first attention is paid to questions relating to capital, labor, unionism and corporations. Those questions are of immediate importance. There is unrest in the land, notwithstanding the general prosperity enjoyed, and this means that unless a solution is found of the problems that cause this unrest, there will be trouble. The suggestions made concerning the railroads as highways of commerce, the City of Washington as a model American municipality, agriculture, irrigation, forests, public lands, game preserves, pensions and other subjects, are all of interest. Special attention is paid to our foreign policy, arbitration and peace, the Monroe doctrine, and the message closes with a statement as to the Philippine situation.

It is a very comprehensive document, and no one who claims to be well informed concerning the government of this country can afford to lay it aside without persuing it, no matter what his views are upon the subjects pre-

NOW FOR BUSINESS.

The excitement of the election being over, it is time to pay attention to business. The holidays are approaching, the merchants have filled, or are still filling, their stores with a multitude of goods for the holiday trade. The windows are already commencing to assume a holiday appearance. What to buy and where to buy ought soon to be the question of the hour. And it is safe to say that on the right answer to those questions depends much more than a few words can express. Comfort, happiness, sunshine in the home and heart, are involved.

If we were permitted to offer a suggestion, we would say to the public, do not put off your holiday purchases to the very last moment. If you want the best service, and the greatest assortment to select from, do your shopping as early as convenient. There is also this to consider, that generally the clerks are over-worked during the last few days before Christmas, If the trade were distributed over a greater length of time, this might be avoided and no one lose anything on that account. Satisfactory purchases can, besides, not be made in a hurry and a rush. It takes time, as everything that is to be

Another auggestion would be, do not send away for your holiday goods. Some folks seem to think that they can get something for almost nothing, by sending for it, the farther away the better. This is a mistake. By sending for goods, you pay not only the cost of it and the freight, but also your share of the enormous expenses of advertising in magazines and newspapers, and it is safe to say that when everything is figured up, and the quality of the goods considered, you can buy as cheaply in the home market as anywhere else.

It is a good rule to see what you buy, and to patronize your home dealers, with whom you are acquainted and in whom you have confidence. They do their share in building up the community in which they carry on business; they pay taxes and help defray government expenses; in works of charity they are expected to be foremost: they are entitled to your support, for | tions. these and many other reasons.

A NOBLE WOMAN DEPARTED.

Sister Elmina S. Taylor has departed. There is mourning in the circle of her as a friend, a counselor, a mother. And ful Saint of the Most High has gained the victory and is gone to obtain her eternal reward. For our views are not limited by the grave. We comprehend to some extent that which is beyond.

Elmina Shepherd Taylor was of Puritan ancestry, of the best type of that sturdy, intellectual and spiritual people. She was born Sept. 12 1830, in Middlefield, Otsego Co., N. Y., and studied at the Ladies' Seminary, Hartwich, Otsego Co., N. Y.; she commenced teaching school when only sixteen. She was thus engaged in Haverstraw when she met George H. Taylor, who was a young carpenter and builder in that

section of the country. It was here, too, that the other most important event of her life occurred; for here the Gospel message found her and on the fifth of July, 1856, she was baptized. She was married Aug. 31, 1856, to Elder George Hamilton Taylor, by Elder-later President-John Taylor, who was an intimate friend, but not re-

Enduring the usual persecution which followed baptism into the despised "Mormon" Church, she came out from her people, the only one of them all to receive the truth. But how strange is this life, far stranger than any work of fiction! Her loved father and mother, and her two sisters, later followed her to Utah, and although not one of them ever received the Gospel, yet they dwelt near her, and indeed her husband's roof sheltered her parents until

Sister Taylor was not only a model housekeeper and a devoted homemaker, she found time, even in the early days, to go out in a public capacity. She was appointed secretary of the Fourteenth Ward Relief society on Dec. 12, 1867, and held that office for years after being called to the more exalted position she has since

When the early work of the Y. L. M. I. A. was consolidated into one organization in 1880, Sister Taylor was chosen, under the direction of President John Taylor, and by the counsel and choice of Sister Eliza R. Snow, to act as president of that association. Margaret Y. Taylor and Mattle Horns Tingey were chosen as her counselors; Sister Taylor resigned two years later and Sister Maria Y. Dougail was selected to fill the vacancy. At first the association numbered only hundreds, but Sister Taylor lived to direct and guide it until today over 30,000 are enrolled

She has traveled, spoken and written for 24 years and has called to her aid a band of devoted and earnest wome who have felt it a liberal education to be associated with this Latter-day heroine. She was an eloquent speaker, and a clear, terse writer. But her greatest gift was her supreme executive ability, which neither age nor everincreasing weakness could dull nor blight. She was a leader, no less by power divine, than by appointment of authority. When one contemplates such lives, such characters as this that of others who have the foundations of this latter-day marvelous work and a wonder, one cannot but exclaim at their passing, "There were giants in those days."

We sympathize with the family and friends of the departed sister, but we also realize that they are comforted in the knowledge of a happy reunion. Sister Taylor has left us. But she has given an example worthy of imitation, in a noble, useful, faithful and loving life. She has accomplished a work that cannot die,

TO WORK FOR PEACE.

We have given considerable space to the subject of international arbitration, because we consider it one of world-

wide importance. The national committee of the second American Conference on arbitration has resolved to issue an appeal to people of this country, on that subject, to enlist the support of the nation in favor of the treaties now being negotiated by the government of the United States with France, Germany, Great Britain, Mexico, and various other powers. These treaties will shortly be sent by the President to the United States Senate for its consideration and action. They are substantially similar to the arbitration treaty of 1903 between Great Britain and France. It is feared, since the Senate will be crowded with business, that these treatles may be laid over, unless vigorously pressed, and for that reason the committee appeal to the friends of international arbitration throughout the country to express to their representatives without delay their earnest wish and hope that the Senate will give prompt consideration

to this most important subject. We join the committee in this appeal. It is a subject of more moment to the human race than most of the questions of the day that keep cabinets and legislatures busy. "Blessed are the peace-makers.'

COST OF THE FAIR.

The estimates of the cost of the St. Louis fair, show a considerable deficit. It is, of course, too early yet to obtain exact figures. The total cost as estimated by the commissioner of works, was \$50,000,000. Towards this gum was received from citizens of St. Louis, the city of St. Louis, the United States, and various concessionaries, about \$23 .-000,000. The United States also loaned the exposition \$4,500,000 which loan was secured by gate receipts, and paid in full from that source. There are yet some further revenues expected from various sources which may reduce the deficit considerably, but it will still remain of somewhat formidable propor-

The financial statement has been a developing a great amusement resort

disappointment to some. There is, apparently, no reason why an enterprise of that nature should not pay, if the business ability at its command were immediate friends and throughout all bent on ways and means of making the homes of Zion she will be missed both ends meet. The exposition held in Stockholm in 1897 paid respectable diviyet, the feelings of grief and sorrow are | dends to the stockholders. Why should tempered with joy that another faith- that not be the rule with world's fairs instead of the exception?

Of course, the St. Louis fair was worth all the time and money expended on it, even if it did not pay in dollars and cents. There are standards of val-And we know, too, that a life such as ue of another nature, which must not that of Sister Taylor is an everlasting be forgotten. It was a great educational institution, and through its international congresses it brought the ends of the world together in nearer touch with one another than ever before. When seen from this point of view, the value of the fair cannot be overestimated. But, at the same time, such enterprises should not necessarily always mean a financial loss.

Will Mrs. Chadwick lecture?

question, How old is Nan?

Oberlin college never was famous for

Mr. Newton seems to have found his

The Patterson trial gives rise to the

Why don't the hisurance companies get out a simple life policy?

The two great events for this month are Congress and Christmas.

They say that it will elevate the Subway to remove the advertisements from

Having got his message off his hands, Mr. Roosevelt now has Congress on The Oregonian goes into ecstacies

over the Oregon apple. It is a peach, so to speak. The President insists on the open

door policy on the great highways of How can Mrs. Chadwick settle her

claims so long as her creditors keep stirring them up? The Oxford students have decided to

stick to Greek. Most American stu-

dents stick at it, Society at Port Arthur is very exclusive. How long will General Stoes-

sel be able to keep it so? If the President is worrying over tariff revision, as some say he is, he gives no sign of it in his message.

In Southwest Africa the Germans have let loose the dogs of war and they have proven eminently successful.

This is good weather but is isn't winter any more than "Hamlet" with the delancholy Dane left out is "Hamlet." Mr. Carnegie denies that he indorsed

any notes for Mrs. Chadwick. He has

too much sense and cash to do so silly And now graphaphones are given away where formerly chromos were

distributed. It is a change but is it for If the law's administration is so bad in the United States, why doesn't Dr.

Doyle send Sherlock Holmes to

straightening it out? The Anti-Imperialist league should read that part of the President's message relating to the Philippines, and also the election returns.

The cordon of Saint Lazarus has been conferred upon Mr. J. P. Morgan. Is it because Lazarus was wont to pick up crumbs from the table of the

Why should not General Miles become adjutant-general of Massachusetts? Ex-President John Quincy Adams became a representative in Congress from Massachusetts.

A Chicago woman has advanced the theory that toys bring out the cruelty in children's character. The trouble with that woman and her theory is she is too stingy to buy Christmas toys for the children.

"Another distinct advantage which macadam possesses over asphalt is that it is not necessary to send to Venezuea for the material," says the Kansas City Star. There is no need to send to Venezuela. Utah can furnish all the asphalt Kansas City may want.

"I went to Ohio Field by special request to see the football game between Haverford and New York university and to convince myself that the game was not a brutal pastime. I came away from the grounds with a bellyache,' says Professor Bristol of New York university. Why didn't he go to an emergency hospital with his complaint nstead of to a newspaper?

Out of one hundred and thirty-nine decoy prescriptions sent out by the Illinois state board of pharmacy to Chicago druggists to be filled, twentythree contained no trace of the drug called for; sixty-six were 88 per cent impure; ten were 20 per cent impure, and only thirty-one were pure. Chicago pharmacists evidently believe in the "something equally good" theory,

THE ST. LOUIS FAIR.

Kansas City Star.

The country as a whole, and the west n particular, have plenty of reason for oride in this splendid celebration of the Louisiana purchase, Nothing approaching it in magnitude is likely to be seen in America for at least another generation. It is fitting that this climax of the world expositions should be remembered as the special achievement of the west in recognition of the event that insured the domination of the continent to the English-speaking people.

springfield Republican. St. Louis is to follow the example set by private enterprise in New York in

o which the masses can go to enjoy 'the sights' and spend money. To this end, as is natural, the Pike end of the Louisiana Purchase exposition is to be perpetuated in its essential parts, with perpetuated in its essential parts, with others added. The Tyrolean Alps feature, with its admirable restaurant and music, has been a great money-maker during the fair, and those who have been financially interested in it long ago decided to maintain it after the white city has been brought low. In several the pulse touching the Pike In general the policy touching the Pike will be to make it bigger and better as local issue, and reduce prices to the

Boston Transcript.

Many people at St. Louis undoubtedly have made money out of the fair. Others are out of pocket; and perhaps out of health as a result of the wearlsecrued alike to all the citizens of St. Louis is that all the streets and allies for at least once in their history, had a good clean-up. Bad as are St. Louis politics, provision was made for a good cleaning; and St. Louis never looked so well outwardly as it did in the early months of the fair. The feeling in St. Louis today will be decidedly mixed. One thing, however, is certain. The mental blank will be appalling; for the fair is the only thing St. Louis people have talked about since the new century began. The fair is over; the presidential election is of the past; Chicago still flourishes—what in the world will St. Louis talk about between now and Chilstmas. will be decidedly mixed. One

New York World. In its scope, beauty and cost the St. Louis Exposition made a new world's record. Its buildings and grounds took up 1,240 acres, as against the Chicago fair 633 acres in 1893 and the 336 acres evoted to the Paris exposition in 1900. In attendance comparisons are less fa-vorable. The Paris show in 1886 brought 25,121,975 visitors and that of 1900 drew more than 50,000,000. At Chicago 27,-530,041 persons passed the gates, While the unofficial figures at St. Louis make a count of about 18,750,000.

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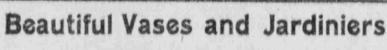
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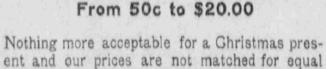
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